

II. REMARKS

This paper is submitted in connection with the concurrently filed continuation application, which is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to claim the benefit of U.S. Serial No. 09/147,919. Original claims 1 to 10 were examined in connection with the parent. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 2 to 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 11 to 34 have been added. Support for new claims 11 to 34 is found in the specification as originally filed and the addition of these new claims does not raise an issue of new matter. Entry of new claims 11 to 34 is respectfully requested.

The specification has also been amended to incorporate the cross reference to related applications. This amendment also does not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

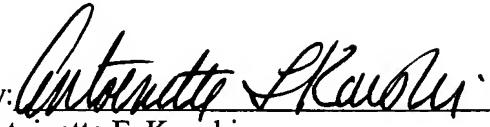
III. CONCLUSION

No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-2518**, referencing billing number

2020239-7003392001. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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